

Minutes – September 10, 2015

The following members of the Board were present at the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, for a regular hearing of the Board of License Commissioners: Pamela Smith, Chairman, William B. Young, Vice Chairman, Guy N. Black, and Steve Lowe were present. Also appearing in support of the Board were Inspector Greg Kiesel, Associate County Attorney Matthew Clagett, and Lisa Bailey, Clerk/Recording Secretary. Board member Thomasina Coates was excused, as was M/Cpl. Judith Thompson.

1. Upon a motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following temporary alcoholic beverage license applications were approved:

Charles County Chamber of Commerce, by: Betsy Burian, President/CEO. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Dee Hancock, for three (3) 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage licenses to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor on the following dates/locations from 5:30-7:30 p.m., for monthly mixers with approx.. 100 people expected to attend each event.: Thursday, October 1 @ inside College of Southern Maryland, La Plata; Thursday, November 5 @ inside I Talk Cloud Solutions, LLC, 101 E Charles St., LaPlata; and Thursday, December 3 @ inside Country Furniture of Waldorf, Inc., 3255 Leonardtown Rd., Waldorf.

Humane Society of Charles County, by Shara Hendler, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer only on Sunday, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside at the Charles County Fairgrounds for Mutt Madness, their annual fundraiser with approximately 1,000-1,500 people expected to attend.

College of Southern Maryland, by: Shaunda Holt, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6-9 p.m. at EatWell Farms, La Plata, Maryland, for a cooking class with wine entitled "The Whole Hot" with 14 people expected to attend.

Woodrow Wilson Alumni Group, D.C. Chapter, by Alicia Perkins and Patrick Goodwin. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Alicia Perkins and Hather Dautrich, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve BWL on Friday, September 25, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. inside Take A Bow, 109 Post Office Road., Waldorf for a fundraiser to benefit the athletic department with approximately 300 people expected to attend.

Charles County FOP Lodge #24, by: Robert Kiesel. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Officer Brian Johnson, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve BWL on Friday, September 25 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at White Plains Golf Course for their 11th annual fundraiser golf tournament to benefit the FOP Benevolent Fund, with 136 people expected to attend.

Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS, Inc., by: Kathryn Kilinski, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer Only on Sunday, November 1

from Noon – 5 p.m. inside and outside the firehouse for their 69th Annual Ham and Oyster Scald Dinner fundraiser with approx.. 400 people expected to attend.

2. With no transfer, new license applications, or show cause hearings the Board continued with Other Business.

3. Legislative Work Session – The Board reviewed the following items, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, directed staff to prepare the proposed amendments to the Board's Rules and Regulations. The Board further directed that the proposed changes to the Statewide application requirements be referred to Maryland Alcohol Licensing Association for further consideration.

(1.) Within 10 business days of service of a Show Cause Order upon an alcoholic beverage licensee(s), said licensee(s) may voluntarily surrender an alcoholic beverage license to the Clerk to the Board of License Commissioners. Said surrender shall nullify a pending Show Cause Order and stay a hearing. However, evidence obtained in support of the Show Cause Order may be utilized to determine the fitness of the licensee in any future applications before the Board of License Commissioners.

(2.) After 10 business days of service of the Show Cause Order upon the licensee(s), the voluntary surrender of an alcoholic beverage license shall not nullify a pending Show Cause Order; shall not stay a hearing; shall not nullify a finding by the Board of License Commissioners, and/or imposition of a suspension, and/or imposition of a monetary fine, and/or imposition of a suspension, and/or imposition of a revocation by the Board of License Commissioners.

(3.) A legislative request to amend Art. 2B, §10-102 (if statewide), to include a statement that the license applicant(s) have never voluntarily surrendered an alcoholic beverage license while a Show Cause Order, or other allegation of violation, has been served upon the licensee and is pending a hearing. The Board is to work with Maryland Alcohol Licensing Association (MALA) to determine if they would support this statewide amendment, or if this is to be limited to Charles County.

The clerk also shared a survey, with responses from 3 jurisdictions regarding the above legislative requests. The Board directed that the clerk compile all of the responses and present it at the next hearing.

4. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the August 13, 2015 Minutes.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.